

REMARKS

Objection to the Specification and Claims

The specification and claims 3, 4, and 7 stand objected to for various informalities. Applicant has herein amended the specification and claims to address all of these objections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner finds that the terms "said image" in claim 1 and "said graphical object" lack sufficient antecedent basis. Claims 1-3 have been canceled. Claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 4, wherein "graphical object" has been amended to "graphic object."

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,986,654 to Alexander et al. Claim 1 has been canceled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 2-4 and 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alexander. Claims 2-3, 7, and 11-12 have been cancelled. Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 5, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Claims 8-10 have been amended to depend from claim 4.

Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to claims 5 and 6. Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4 and 7-12 and disagrees that these claims are anticipated by Alexander. However, in the interest of moving this application to issue, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 7 and 11-12 without prejudice and expressly reserving the right to present these claims in a future divisional or continuation application. The limitations of dependent claim 5 have been incorporated into independent claim 4, and claims 6 and 8-10 have been amended to depend from now allowable claim 4.

Regarding the prior art made of record by the Examiner but not relied upon, Applicant believes that this art does not render the pending claims unpatentable.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urges the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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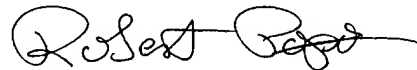
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